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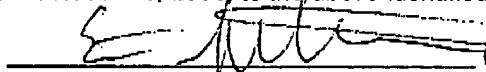
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Inventor(s): Sprengard-Eichel, et al.

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 8369Q

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Sprengard-Eichel et al. Confirmation No.: 6846

Serial No.: 09/778,371 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: Feb. 7, 2001 Examiner: M. Kidwell

Title: Absorbent Article with Thermal-Cell Actuator

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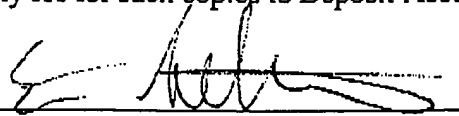
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 P&G Case No. : 8369Q
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 Examiner : M. Kidwell
 For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH THERMAL-CELL ACTUATOR

REPLY/AMENDMENT AFTER 1st OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
 Commissioner For Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This reply/amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 16, 2003, which set a three-month period of response. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.